The meeting was called to order by Dr. Unil Perera.

Present were: Jaye Atkinson, Perry Binder, Janice Byrd, Zhipeng Cai, David Cheshier, Daniel Crimmins, Dai Dajun, Mark Flowers, Carroll Freeman, Sujay Galen, Denise Jenkins, Nancy Kropf, Joanne Lee-Joyner, Huanbaio Mo, Suazette Mooring, Eddy Nahmias, Kris Niedringhaus, Bruce Pilling, Andrey Shilnikov, Jeff Steely, Carla Tanguay, Ramesh Vakamudi
Web ex participants: Ian Campbell, Scott Jacques, Ann Mallard
Guest: Chief Joseph Spillane

Modified minutes were reviewed and voted on. Minutes were approved.

Police Chief Joe Spillane spoke to the group about campus safety. His goals when hired were to take over emergency management, hire more and better trained police officers and start a K9 unit. Currently there are 171 sworn police officers budgeted, 118 security guards, 14 communication dispatchers and 17 supporting staff members. We are the 6th largest police agency in Georgia counting all the campuses. We are available 24/7 and headquartered at 15 Edgewood. We patrol 500 yards from any building we own, operate or lease. Two K9 units include bomb detection dogs that perform targeted sweeps before events at large gatherings. Georgia Tech surplused two K9 vehicles, so we were able to use them, which resulted in very little impact on our budget.

Keith Sumas is now head of Emergency Management which entails Panther Alert, sirens, fire alarms and web emergency notifications and the plan is to move them into Dahlberg Hall. The police department provides safety escorts 24/7 and ride share with golf carts. We do a lot of de-escalation training, crisis intervention with the counseling and testing center and Grady outreach.

Next, Ramesh Vakamudi, Vice President of Facilities Management, spoke about facility projects on campus. For the first time in Georgia State’s history we are doing three large capital projects at the same time: convocation center, research science center phase III and Kell Hall campus greenway project. The convocation center will cost $85M and will be a 131,000 square foot building. It will be a multi-use, multipurpose facility not solely used for basketball. The goal is for the facility to be used 365 days for events such as commencements, convocations, and any number of other campus events.

Science Park Phase III – currently working on the design phase. 84,000 square feet and we hope to break ground in February 2020 with two years construction time. It may take six months commission time for the building to break in. Phase IV will be a 120,000 square foot building, but we did not get funded for the design phase from BOR this year.

Kell Hall demolition – rubble will soon be gone and site will be regraded within the next couple of weeks. The ground work will be laid out for the campus green space. It was a very complicated project to take down, but is moving at a good pace and should be completed at end of February or March, 2020.
When the plaza goes away the access to Library North goes away as well. The walkway from Langdale Hall is still open, but it will go away temporarily and access to LN will be removed. However, the issues will be addressed, and we will make it as accessible as possible. We will break ground by end of this year and complete the project by fall of 2020. The project is 6,000 square feet and is currently in design phase.

Other projects:
- 55 Park Place is being renovated for more of our departments to move in. School of Policy Studies is moving in and Robinson School of Business is taking over space as well.
- T Deck is being renovated, but it is still being used during renovation. Should be completed by summer of 2020.
- LED planters have been placed in 25 PP plaza funded by Woodruff Foundation.
- ADA compliance ramps have been placed in Sparks Hall. Clarkston campus classroom area got an update with new seating, etc.

October 16th meeting will host Dr. Lisa Armistead, Dean, Graduate School. November 14th meeting will host Charlie Cobb, the Athletics Director and VP Research Dr. Ericksen. The meeting adjourned at 3:00

Respectfully submitted by Julie Lawson.